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SUBJ: ERITREA: ATTACK ON ETHIOPIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
AND OTHER INCIDENTS

1. ON EVENING 15 MARCH A GROUP OF ELF/PLF ATTACKED AN INSTALLATION OF ETHIOPIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF ASMARA. THE 30 POLICE GUARDS SURRENDERED TO THE ATTACKING FORCE. THE INSURGENTS DESTROYED FIVE 5KW AND TWO 1 KW TRANSMITTERS. THE TRANSMITTERS WERE USED FOR ETH GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC. COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE AND TELEX UNAFFECTED. THIS INFO RECEIVED FROM EMPLOYEE OF ETH BOARD TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

2. AN AMCIT MISSIONARY FROM GHINDA TOLD CONS OFF THAT DURING
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WEEKEND OF 15 MARCH INSURGENTS DESTROYED GENERATORS AT DONGOLLO

AND EMBATCALLA, WHICH WERE POWER SUPPLY FOR PUMPING WATER TO MILITARY CAMPS AT THOSE LOCATIONS. ETH ARMY NOW TRUCKING WATER FROM GHINDA TO THEIR CAMPS, AND HAVE PROMISED TO IMPROVE GHINDA WATER SYSTEM. THE MISSIONARY IS CONCERNED THAT GHINDA WATER FACILITIES MAY NOW BECOME TARGET FOR ELF/PLF.

3. APPROX 7:30 ON EVENING OF 19 MARCH IN ASMARA, SOLDIERS ENTERED HOME OF ERITREAN EMPLOYEE OF GONDRAND MOVING COMPANY, AND SHOT AND KILLED MAN, WIFE AND 2 CHILDREN. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, MAN WAS PLAYING WITH CHILD IN YARD AND THEN RAN IN HOUSE AS SOLDIERS CAME DOWN STREET. NO APPARENT MOTIVE FOR THE KILLING.
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